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# Excerpts from "The Odyssey"

## *Odysseus and Elpenor in the Underworld Text Chart*

TEXT	WHAT THE AUTHOR IS SAYING	WHAT THE AUTHOR IS DOING
But first the ghost of Elpenor, my companion, came toward me.		
He'd not been buried under the wide ways of earth, not yet, we'd left his body in Circe's house, unwept, unburied—this other labor pressed us.		

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But I wept to see him now, pity touched my heart and I called out a winged word to him there: “Elpenor, how did you ravel down to the world of darkness? Faster on foot, I see, than I in my black ship.”		
... “My lord, remember me, I beg you! Don’t sail off and desert me, left behind unwept, unburied, don’t, or my curse may draw God’s fury on your hear.		
...Perform my rites, and plant on my tomb that oar I swung with mates when I rowed among the living.”		
“All this, my unlucky friend,” I reassured him, “I will do for you. I won’t forget a thing.”		